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1. SUMMARY. LEAD ARTICLE ON U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS IN NEW USA MAGAZINE TRANLATES DIFFIDENT, DEFENSIVE RECENT SOVIET LINE ON DETENTE INTO BILATERAL CONTEXT. IT REAFFIRMS SOVIET COMMITMENT TO CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT, WITH STRESS ON ARMS CONTROL, AND CAREFULLY EXCEPTS PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY FROM REBUTTAL OF U.S. ENEMIES OF DETENTE, BUT MOST SPACE IS DEVOTED TO LATTER. IN PROCESS, VALERIANOV REAFFIRMS SOVIET REFUSAL TO GUARANTEE WESTERN STATUS QUO AND SOVIET VERSION OF CSCE AGAINST "TENDENTIOUS" EMPHASIS
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ON HUMAN CONTACTS AND RIGHTS. MOST STRIKING PORTION

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OF PIECE IS RATHER FRANK COMPLAINT ABOUT ABSENCE OF
BILATERAL COOPERATION AND CONSULTATIONS ON MIDDLE EAST
BETWEEN GENEVA CO-CHAIRMEN. END SUMMARY.

2. REVIEW OF U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS BY M.V. VALERIANOV
IN JANUARY NUMBER OF USA MAGAZINE (SIGNED TO THE PRESS
DECEMBER 19,) REAFFIRMS SOVIET COM-
MITMENT TO CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT, BUT CONSISTS MAINLY
IN RATHER PUGNACIOUS REBUTTAL OF TEEMING U.S. ENEMIES
OF DETENTE.

3. SET IN CONTEXT OF 24TH CONGRESS "PEACE PROGRAM"
AND ACCEPTANCE OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE BY MANY
CAPITALIST COUNTRIES, LEAD-IN CITES GROMYKO'S UNGA
SPEECH ON SPECIAL IMPORTANCE OF U.S.-SOVIET
RELATIONS, DECLARES THAT "FOR THE SOVIET UNION, FURTHER
NORMALIZATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS WITH THE
U.S. REMAINS ONE OF THE MAIN DIRECTIONS OF THE STRUGGLE
FOR PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY," AND RUNS THROUGH
AGREEMENTS OF PAST YEARS, WITH STRESS ON ARMS LIMITATIONS.
VALERIANOV COMPLAINS ABOUT "NEGATIVE U.S. ATTITUDE" TOWARD
SOVIET UN ARMS CONTROL PROPOSALS, AND QUOTES BREZHNEV
(AT USSR 50TH ANNIVERSARY) TO EFFECT THAT STRUGGLES
OF SYSTEMS WILL CONTINUE, BUT MUST BE PUT IN PEACEFUL
CHANNEL.

4. CENTRAL SECTION ON U.S. ENEMIES OF DETENTE (JACKSON,
WALLACE AND REAGON ARE NAMED AS REPRESENTATIVES) BEGINS
WITH REGRET THAT QUESTIONS OF WAR AND PEACE ARE STILL
TOPICS OF ELECTORAL POLITICS IN U.S. AND STRESSES THAT
DETENTE BENEFITS U.S. AS WELL AS OTHER COUNTRIES. IT
CAREFULLY NOTES SUPPORT FROM PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY,
STEVER AND KRETZEL. IN RESPONSE TO CHARGE THAT SOVIETS
ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL TROUBLES
IN WEST, IT SAYS DETENTE RELATES ONLY TO RELATIONS
BETWEEN STATES WITH DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS, NOT TO
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENTS WHICH FOLLOW ITS OWN LAWS: "SOVIET
UNION HAS NEVER AND COULD NOT UNDERTAKE ANY OBLIGATIONS
WHATSOEVER TO PRESERVE WORLD SOCIAL-POLITICAL STATUS QUO."

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5. SECTION ON DISTORTED U.S. INTERPRETATIONS OF CSCE
FOLLOWS: OPPONENTS OF DETENTE "TENDENTIOUSLY STRESS
QUESTIONS OF EMIGRATION, FAMILY TIES, CONTACTS WITH
FOREIGNERS, PERSONAL AND BUSINESS TRAVEL AND THE LIKE,"
UNDER BANNER OF "INDIVIDUAL FREEDOMS AND HUMAN RIGHTS"
WHICH THEY CAN ONLY CONCEIVE IN THE AMERICAN WAY.
ACTUALLY, VALERIANOV WRITES, FINAL ACT "REPRESENTS A
CERTAIN BALANCE OF COUNTRIES' INTERESTS"; ALL ITS

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PROVISIONS SHOULD BE FULFILLED; AND QUESTIONS OF HUMANISTIC COOPERATION ARE BEING AND WILL BE RESOLVED IN THIS SPIRIT, AND "IN ACCORD WITH PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES AND WITH RESPECT FOR THEIR LAWS AND REGULATIONS, ALSO PROVIDED IN THE DOCUMENT."

6. PENULTIMATE SECTION ON MIDDLE-EAST IS CLEAR COMPLAINT ABOUT LACK OF U.S.-SOVIET CONSULTATION. MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM "HAS A LARGE PLACE IN U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS", IT SAYS, BUT UP TO NOW IT HAS BEEN IMPOSSIBLE "TO ESTABLISH NECESSARY COOPERATION AND COMMON ACTION FOR POLITICAL SETTLEMENT" BETWEEN U.S. AND USSR, AS GENEVA CO-CHAIRMEN. U.S. PREFERRED PATH OF "SEPARATE, PARTIAL MEASURES OUTSIDE THE GENEVA CONFERENCE FRAMEWORK," WHICH CANNOT WORK. SECTION CONCLUDES WITH DANGLING REFERENCE TO SOVIET APPEAL TO U.S. TO TAKE COMMON MEASURES TO RECONVENE GENEVA.

7. COMMENT. VALERIANOV TRANSLATES DIFFIDENT, DEFENSIVE LINE OF RECENT SOVIET COMMENTARY ON DETENTE INTO CONTEXT OF U.S.-SOVIET BILATERAL RELATIONS. ONLY NOVEL ELEMENT WE SEE IS MIDDLE EAST PORTION, WHOSE PLAINTIVE TONE AND DIRECT LINKAGE OF ME TO GENERAL BILATERAL CONTEXT IS STRONGEST PUBLIC EXPRESSEION OF SOVIET DISSATISFACTION WITH CONSULTATIVE PROCESS WE HAVE SEEN.
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